

Timeline of Correspondence for 45 Heather Lane

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- May 11, 2020
 - Mariya Polyuk left a voicemail.
 - I contacted her by phone to discuss her issues.
 - She claimed that there was a problem with a drainage ditch on the street in front of her home. She thought that it was clogged and was causing water to flood her property. She asked if there could be connecting pipes for the drain that ran through her property. I told her that it was unlikely that there was an issue with the drain on the street and that any pipes connecting to it would be on her property, but if she was concerned she needed to contact DPW. She said that the front yard area of her property tended to be wet and she wanted to do drainage in the front yard of her property to deal with the water. I informed her that based on our GIS mapping that it did not appear that there were wetlands in the front yard area of her property and that if she wanted to do drainage she should have a soil scientist delineate the wetlands on her property and have an engineer draw up plans for a drainage system. I told her that more than likely she was getting sheeting off the roadway which was causing water to flood her front yard as she lived on a slope. I made sure she was aware that she could not build a drainage system within wetlands and that we regulated any disturbance within 100 feet of a wetland.
- May 20, 2020 (on or around)
 - During a site inspection for another property I drove by 45 Heather Lane and noticed that the entire rear yard area had been torn up. I knew that there was a wetland and stream behind the property so I was concerned.
 - I spoke with the Building Department to determine if there was a permit checklist or permits on file for that property. I also checked to see if we had a current Wetland permit on file for the property. Nothing was found.
 - I did some research to find out who owned the property in order to contact them about the disturbances and to see if I could do a site inspection.
- June 3, 2020
 - After only finding the name of the homeowner, with no phone number, I sent a letter informing them of a possible violation and requesting that they contact me to discuss.
- June 8, 2020 (on or around)
 - Mrs. Mariya Polyuk contacted me regarding the letter and we scheduled a site visit for June 12, 2020.
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 - I conducted a sight visit to the property where I discovered that the homeowners had begun to create a drainage system that extended around their home, through the backyard, and emptied into the wetland at the rear of the property. I also noticed several debris piles within the regulated area. I informed Mrs. Polyuk that the drainage system should have been permitted through the Inland Wetland Commission as it was within 100 feet of a wetland or watercourse. I told her that I would have to issue a violation and she would have to complete a Corrective Action Permit Application. She

told me that she had asked to do the work and she was told it was ok. At that point I didn't connect the current work with the discussion we had had by phone in May. After some discussion I recalled that we had talked and told her that during the conversation I never gave her permission to do the work that she was currently doing. I told her that she was informed that she should have the wetlands delineated on her property and that she should have drawings prepared in order to show the work she was proposing. She replied that she didn't think that meant that she had to do those things, that they were optional. I told her that she needed to stop all work on the property. She needed to apply for a site work permit through the Building Department and to contact the Health Department in case there were issues with her septic system related to the construction of the drainage system. I informed her that I would be issuing a Violation and that she would need to complete a Corrective Action Permit. I also noted that those things would require her to have a survey completed and engineering drawings. She informed me that she understood.

- June 15, 2020
 - A Cease and Desist order was issued for the property at 45 Heather Lane.

Photo from Identification of Problem (On or Around) May 20, 2020



Photos From Site Visit on June 12, 2020











